

## REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. An Office Action mailed January 17, 2007 rejected Claims 1-5, 10-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and objected to Claims 6-9 and 15-18 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Applicant hereby amends Claims 1, 6, 10 and 15. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111. Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

### REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 10-14 as being anticipated by *Morimoto et al.* (hereinafter *Morimoto*). The Office Action states that *Morimoto* teaches a method for correcting an optical beam for spherical aberration in a scanning imaging system. With regard to amended independent Claims 1 and 10, Applicant hereby respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that *Morimoto* discloses correction of fixed spherical aberrations caused by internal system optics. Applicant submits that *Morimoto* fails to teach or suggest correcting the received optical beam for an unknown amount of spherical aberration caused by an external source. Therefore, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 1 and 10 are allowable over the cited reference.

Applicant has amended Claims 6 and 15 to put them into independent form including all the subject matter of their base claim. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 6-9 and 15-18 are allowable.

## CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims of the pending application are now in condition for allowance over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests


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